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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, LE
SUBJECT: US FIRM AND PROTEIN PROJECT

REF: STATE 174967

1. FALLON AND LEO COPELAND OF ROBIN INTERNATIONAL CALLED ON ME JULY 29. THEY SAID PROTEIN DEAL ALREADY CONCLUDED AND FINANCING ARRANGED. THEY ARE PLANNING PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION \$30 MILLION FISH PROCESSING PLANT. THEY SAID FISHERMEN WHO OPPOSED ORIGINAL PLAN NOW PLACATED. PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO LET US KNOW PROJECT WAS UNDERWAY.

2. FALLON SAID THEY ALSO WORKING ON OFFICE BUILDING-HOTEL COMPLEX, WHICH APPARENTLY IS TO BE LOCATED IN CITY'S ONLY PUBLIC GARDEN AT SANAYA. THIS MAY BE THE "STATE-OWNED" LAND TASUSSIG REFERRED TO. FALLON SAID HE WAS NOT ASKING ME TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH SARKIS BUT MERELY PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS SO THAT IN EVENT SUBJECT CAME UP WE COULD TALL SARKIS HIS COMPANY WAS REPUTABLE ONE.

3. I SUGGEST THEY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH E/C OFFICER TOMPKINS. THEY HAVE NOT CONTACTED US AGAIN, NOR HAVE
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THEY KEPT TWO SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BANK ALMASHREK, THE LOCAL BANK IN WHICH ROBIN INTERNATIONAL'S NEW YORK BANKER, MORGAN GUARANTY, HAS AN INTEREST. ALMASHREK HAS INQUIRED INTO FALLON/ COPELAND CREDENTIALS AND HAS SHARED WITH US ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THEIR OPINION THAT RESULTS OF INQUIRY, WHILE NOT NEGATIVE, INDICATE CAUTION.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT PLAN RAISE ROBIN INTERNATIONAL
TRANSACTION WITH GOL. THERE IS SOMETHING PECULIAR
ABOUT WHOLE AFFAIR, BUT WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT. IN ANY
EVENT, I AM NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT PROJECT WHICH
WOULD OBLITERATE CITY'S ONLY PUBLIC PARK.
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